

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-35, newly added, are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-21, and 23-25 canceled by the present response without prejudice. Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over RFC 1738 “Uniform Resource Locators (URL)” 1994 (herein “RFC 1738”) and further in view of U.S. patent 6,275,490 to Mattaway et al. (herein “Mattaway”), U.S. patent 5,943,365 to Long et al. (herein “Long”), U.S. patent 6,512,525 to Capps et al. (herein “Capps”), and U.S. patent 5,764,736 to Shachar et al. (herein “Shachar”). Claims 7-8, 17-19, and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of RFC 1738, Long, Capps, and Shachar. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway further in view of Long, Capps, and Shachar. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 5,732,133 to Mark, Long, Capps, and Shachar. Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 4,585,904 to Mincone et al. (herein “Mincone”), Long, Capps, and Shachar. Claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattaway and further in view of U.S. patent 5,835,724 to Smith, Long, Capps, and Shachar.

Addressing the above-noted rejections, each of those rejections is traversed by the present response.

The previously pending claims are canceled by the present response and new claims 26-35 are presented for examination. Those new claims are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

One feature recited in new claims 26-35 is directed to an information processing apparatus or method including a “link display portion”. As specifically recited in new independent claim 26, and as similarly recited in the other new claims, the information processing apparatus includes “a link display portion configured to display a visible linked object, if said predetermined position specified by said pointing device is associated with said telephone number”. With reference to Figures 4-5 in the present specification as a non-limiting example, a link display portion, shown as the cursor 23 in the example of Figures 4 and 5, displays a visible linked object, if a predetermined position specified by a pointing device is associated with a telephone number. That is, according to such a feature, a portion associated with TELINFO data is typically displayed in a specific color or display as a graphic of a button or an icon. When a cursor 23, i.e. a link display portion, is moved to such a portion, the shape of the cursor 23 is changed to a graphic, as a non-limiting example is changed to a finger that leads the user to press a button. With such a scheme, a user can easily recognize a portion associated with a telephone number, i.e. TELINFO data.¹

Further, as recited in new independent claim 26, a confirmation window can then “display said telephone number, if said predetermined position pointed to by said pointing device is associated with said telephone number, to confirm that a previously selected communication link with said predetermined apparatus shall be established”, as also recited in other new claims. Figure 5 shows such a confirmation window being displayed.

The above-noted features directed to the link display and confirmation window are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art. That is, none of the applied art disclose or suggest the combination of features of a link display portion that displays a visible linked object if a predetermined position specified by a pointing device is associated with a telephone number, and then further a confirmation window displaying the telephone number

¹ See also the discussion in the present specification at page 35, lines 4-13.

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if the predetermined position pointed by the pointing device is associated with the telephone number.

In view of the present response applicant respectfully submits newly presented claims 26-35 distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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